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12. (Amended) A clothes hanger comprising a hook and two arms projecting from said hook, wherein the arms are each formed by a bottle-shaped container and each of the bottle-shaped containers is fastened by its mouth to the hook.

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15. (Amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12, wherein the bottle-shaped containers are plastic bottles.

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16. (Amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a fastening part for the detachable fastening of the bottle-shaped containers, the fastening part located on the lower end of the hook.

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20. (Twice amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12, wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.

Please add new claim 31 as follows:

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--31. A hook for a hanger, comprising two fastening means, each of which is provided for the fastening of a bottle-shaped container, wherein each of the fastening means has a thread and the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.--

REMARKS

Claims 11-17 and 20-30 are in the instant application of which claims 12-17 and 20-30 are objected to and claim 11 is rejected. Claim 31 has been added by this Amendment to set forth Applicant's patentably novel invention in varying scope.

The Office Action in paragraph 1 states that the indicated allowability of claim 1 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference U.S. Patent No. 5,022,570 to Watford. Applicant notes that claim 1 has been canceled and the rejection should be directed to "claim 11" instead of "claim 1".

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,022,570 to Watford and under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims

12-17 and 20-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 11, however, to advance the prosecution of the application, claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 12, previously dependent on claim 11, has been amended to be an independent claim having the limitations of canceled claim 11. Claims 15, 16, and 20 have been amended to be dependent on claim 12. Support for the amendments to claims 12, 15, 16, and 20 is found, among other places, in the originally filed claims.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests admittance of the amendments to claims 12, 15, 16, and 20, withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of claims 12-17 and 20-30.

Claim 31 has been added by this Amendment. Claim 31 relates to a hook for a hanger including two fastening means, each of which is provided for the fastening of a bottle-shaped container, wherein each of the fastening means has a thread and the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part. Support for claim 31 is found, among other places, in the drawings and originally filed claims 18-20. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests admittance and consideration of claim 31.

The patent to Watford relates to a hanger having a corrugated tube portion that may be expanded, contracted, or axially bent to maintain its new shape without spring-back. Applicant respectfully submits that Watford does not anticipate or render obvious Applicant's patentably novel invention covered by claim 31. More particularly, claim 31 recites a hook having two fastening means each for fastening a bottle-shaped container, wherein the fastening means has a thread and the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part. The feature of the means having a thread for fastening a bottle-shaped

container, among other features recited in claim 31, is not disclosed in Watford. Therefore, Watford cannot and does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the invention covered by claim 31.

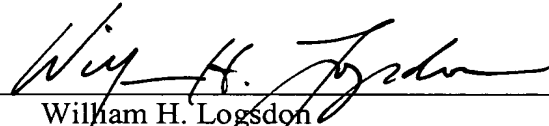
Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 31.

This Amendment represents a sincere effort to place this case in condition for allowance. In the event issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned before further action is taken on the case.

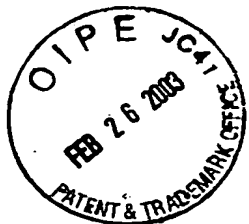
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Marked-Up Versions of the Claims

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15. (Amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12 [11], wherein the bottle-shaped containers are plastic bottles.

16. (Amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12 [11], further comprising a fastening part for the detachable fastening of the bottle-shaped containers, the fastening part located on the lower end of the hook.

20. (Twice amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 12 [11], wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.